Dharvar Taluk and hence, no amount is due from FCI to farmers. However, an amount of 84 lakhs is reimbursable to Karnataka State Food & Civil Supplies Corporation (KFCSC) by the FCI for procurement of maize at Dharvar Taluk. The bills are being received for the period from March, 2001 to 16.7.2001 and payment of the same is being released immediately on receipt of bills from KFCSC.

Food Management Policy

1985. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Centre's Food Management Policy seems to consist of series of flip flops; and

(b) if so, what is the new viable Food Management Policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) and (b) In order to address the problems emerging from the changed scenario in the food sector, Government has decided to constitute a High Level Committee on 16th November, 2000 under the Chairmanship of Prof. Abhijit Sen, Ex-Chairman, Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices to formulate a Long Term Grain Policy for the country. The Terms of Reference of the Committee are as follows:—

(i) Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) and Price Support Operations.

(ii) The Food Corporation of India (FCI) related issues.

(iii) Functioning of the Public Distribution System (PDS).

(iv) Grain Policy regarding buffer stocks, open market intervention and export/import.

(v) Allocation of foodgrains for Rural Development and other Welfare Programmes.

The Committee has so far not submitted its final report.